

Showers tonight and Sunday.

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## HUNDRED DEAD IN GULF CITIES; FAMINE COMES

Mobile a City of Desolation—Militia Guarding Business Streets From Looters.

### SEASHORE STREWN WITH DEAD SAILORS

Authorities Fear Pestilence Will Follow, as Streets Are Reeking With Debris and Filth.

MOBILE, Ala., via Meridian, Miss., Sept. 29.—Nearly one hundred lives have been lost in the gulf hurricane which practically destroyed this city. Reports from near-by towns indicate that the death list will be larger.

Provisions are about exhausted, and the poor are starving. Mobile is a city of desolation. Eight thousand homes are in ruins. The damage to the city will amount to \$5,000,000, while estimates of the loss to the outlying districts reach \$4,000,000. The beaches are strewn with dead, as the loss of mariners was heavy. The military is in control and trying to meet the situation. There is a complete cessation of business in Mobile, for the commercial district was inundated.

#### Trying to Avert Famine.

Every effort is being made to avert famine. A commissary department has been established in the center of the city and the militia is feeding the poor. There is a great lack of food stuffs, with little prospect of aid from other cities for some time. The farming districts near by are under water, and railroad communication is still cut off. Relief trains may not reach here for several days, as miles of track have been washed away.

Disease from foul conditions of the streets, reeking with carrion, is feared. The dead along the shores are being buried as rapidly as found, and the city officials are trying to restore the city to a sanitary condition.

#### Shipping Utterly Destroyed.

The shipping has been destroyed, and the wharves have been washed away so that arriving vessels will have to anchor far from shore, making work of unloading difficult. Scores of wrecks line the shore.

The hurricane was of such force that it swept the sea into the city. The commercial district was under seven feet of water when the blow was at its height. Rain fell in torrents, and all the streets were nothing but fast running streams.

The injured numbers hundreds.

#### Guarding Against Looters.

The storm struck this city Wednesday night and continued with unabated fury until 10 o'clock Thursday morning, the wind at times reaching a velocity of ninety miles an hour.

The militia today is guarding the streets and preventing the business section from being looted. Orders have been given to shoot all who refuse to halt when challenged.

The town of Frederick, three miles away, has been wiped off the map. A runner came to the city for aid, but did not know if there had been any loss of life at Frederick. Crichton, a suburb, suffered a loss of \$50,000.

#### Small Towns Devastated.

No information is obtainable as to the condition of towns between Mobile and the Mobile river bridge, four miles distant north.

Robertsdale, thirty-four miles away, was practically destroyed. Of the ninety-five houses, only three stand. Total loss \$35,000.

Summerdale, thirty miles from Bay Minette, is wholly destroyed, the loss being at least \$60,000.

The new Cawthron Hotel, just completed, and the Blenville Hotel were damaged to the extent of \$5,000 each. The Windsor Hotel suffered \$5,000 damage. St. Andrews \$3,000, and the Southern \$1,000. The Southern Supply Company estimates its loss at \$100,000. The Merchants Bank, First National

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### THE WEATHER REPORT.

Storm warnings are displayed on the streets of Juan de Fuca from Port Crescent westward.

Steamers departing today for European ports will have fresh southerly winds and showery weather to the Grand Banks.

#### TEMPERATURE.

9 a. m. 60°

12 m. 60°

1 p. m. 60°

#### DOWNTOWN TEMPERATURE.

(Registered Atter's Standard Thermometer.)

9 a. m. 60°

12 m. 60°

1 p. m. 60°

#### SUN TABLE.

Sun sets today..... 5:50

Sun rises tomorrow..... 5:51

#### TIDE TABLE.

High tide today..... 7:51 p. m.

Low tide today..... 12:31 a. m.

High tide tomorrow..... 8:42 p. m.

Low tide tomorrow..... 12:35 a. m.

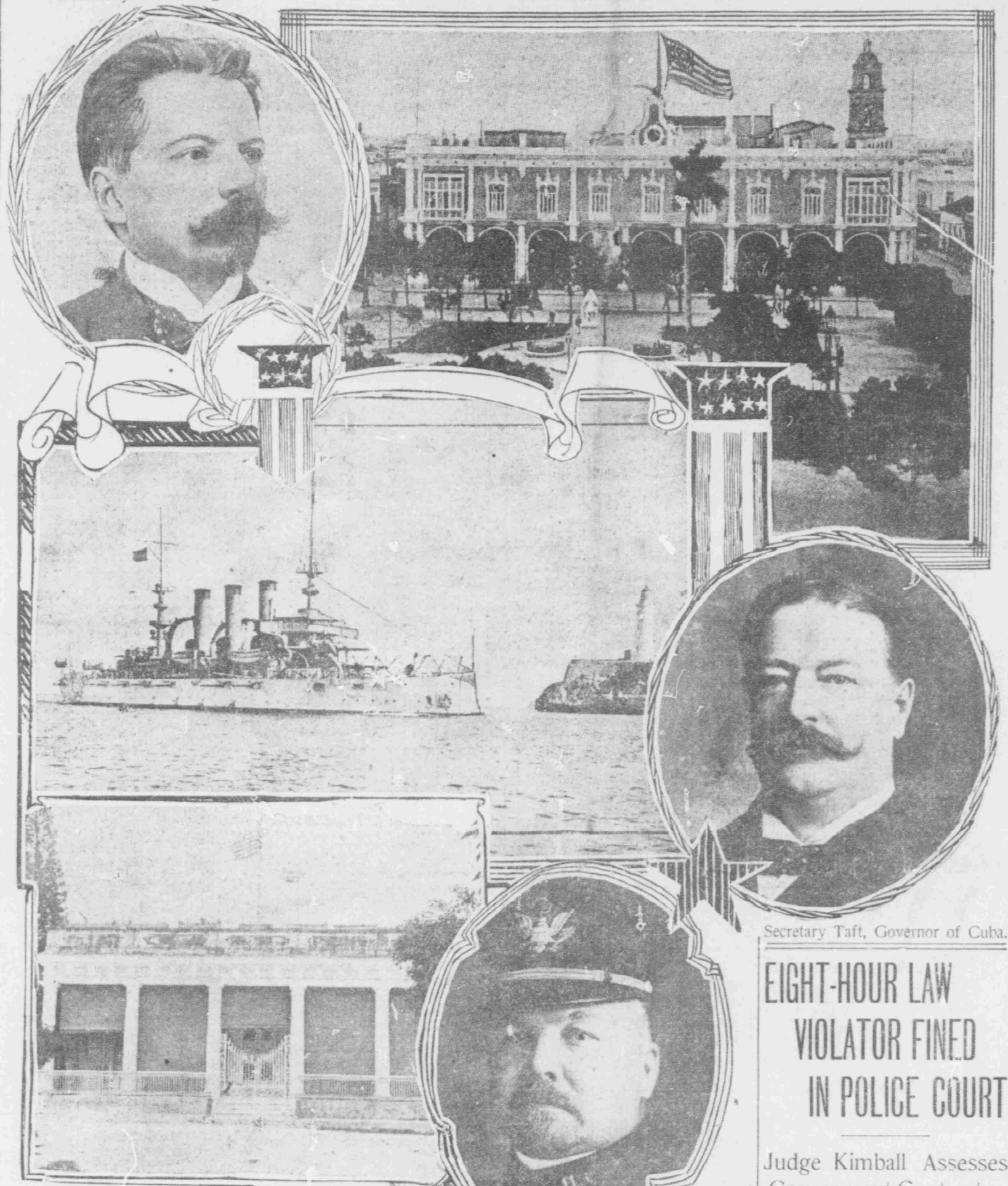
HARPERS FERRY, W. Va., Sept. 29.

Both rivers clear.

## ACTORS AND SCENES IN THE DRAMA NOW BEING ENACTED IN CUBA'S CAPITAL

Gen. Alejandro Rodriguez.

The Presidential Palace at Havana.



United States Legation, Havana

## SEVEN LIVES LOST IN AWFUL WRECK ON PENNSYLVANIA

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 29.—Seven people were crushed to death and fifteen injured in a rear-end collision of two passenger trains on the Pennsylvania railroad at Eddington, near Bristol, Pa., fifteen miles north of here, today.

The Philadelphia express, leaving New York at 7:30 a. m., while running a mile a minute, crashed into the rear of the Long Branch special, which had stopped to make repairs near the Eddington station. The rear car of the branch train was cut in twain as if by a knife, while the second car was smashed to kindling wood. Passengers in the last two cars were caught in the jamming woodwork and pinned in.

#### Car Smashed to Splinters.

The engine plowed its way through the second car and reduced it to splinters. Some of the passengers were hurled in the air, while others were crushed to death by the engine.

Passengers on the last two cars were either killed or injured. The uninjured went to the aid of those pinned in the wreckage. The first of the dead to be taken from the wreck was a woman. She was Miss Brown, daughter of Dr. Brown, of Elizabeth, N. J. Her head was cut off.

A special train took the injured to Philadelphia. The accident occurred on a curve. When the engineer of the Philadelphia special saw the train ahead he reversed his engine and threw on the brakes. The train's speed had hardly been checked when the crash came.

#### Washington Man Hurt.

Among the injured is J. H. Caswell, a traveling salesman from Washington. He is suffering from contusions.



Brigadier General Funston.

Battleship Louisiana Off Moro Castle.

Capt. Seaton Schroeder.

## WIRELESS TELEGRAPH IN FIELD EQUIPMENT

Experiments with field wireless telegraph instruments, under direction of Capt. George S. Gibbs, of the Signal Corps at Mount Gretna, Pa., were so successful, that the Signal Corps of the army is preparing to make such apparatus part of the permanent equipment of the Signal Corps. Messages were successfully sent over a distance of seven miles. The equipment will include storage batteries, weighing about 100 pounds, which will regularly be carried on a wagon.

Already preparations are being made to equip such Signal Corps men as may be sent to Cuba with the field wireless instruments which will enable the forces in the field to be kept in communication with the wireless stations of the navy.

## TERRORISTS INVADE PRIVATE QUARTERS OF CZAR'S PALACE

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 29.—Fresh alarm has been caused among the occupants of the winter palace by the finding of a mysterious note, evidently emanating from terrorist sources and believed to be a threat against Premier Stolypin, on the desk of the premier in the palace.

"We were eighteen," the note ran. "One, Konopliankovo (meaning Zenaide Konopliankovo, the assassin of General Min) and another, Kosloff, have been executed. A third perished in the explosion in your house. We are fifteen now."

The interpretation placed on the note is that the fifteen remaining will be sufficient to dispose of the premier. Retaliation for the two executed also seems hinted at.

But the greatest significance is attached to the fact that the note was left in Premier Stolypin's private office. This shows conclusively that terrorist agents are within the winter palace, just as they are known to exist in the palace at Peterhof. Until these agents can be apprehended no one in the palace will feel safe from attack at any moment.

#### \$1.25 to Baltimore and Return

Via Pennsylvania Railroad, every Saturday and Sunday. All regular trains except the "Congressional Limited." Tickets good to return until Sunday night.—Adv.

## TAFT IN CHARGE OF CUBA; CALLS FOR THE ARMY

Issues Proclamation as Military Governor of Island—Wires General Bell to Start Troops to Havana Immediately.

### FIRST EXPEDITION IS ORDERED TO MOBILIZE AT NEWPORT NEWS

#### CONDITIONS IN CUBA AS AMERICA TAKES CHARGE OF GOVERNMENT

Secretary Taft's proclamation received quietly by better classes of citizens.

Rural Guards and Cuban army co-operating with Americans. Rumors that a rebel army is advancing on the city not credited. Rebels reported organizing armies at Matanzas and Santiago. Additional marines and blue jackets being landed in Havana. Taft wires direct to General Bell, chief of staff, saying:

"Make immediate preparations to send an army of occupation to Cuba."

War Department at once ordered first expedition to mobilize at Newport News.

#### SECRETARY TAFT'S PROCLAMATION:

The failure of congress to act on the irrevocable resignation of the President of the republic of Cuba or to elect a successor leaves this country without a government at a time when great disorder prevails and requires that pursuant to a request of President Palma, the necessary steps be taken, in the name of and by the authority of the President of the United States to restore order and protect life and property in the island of Cuba and in the islands and keys adjacent thereto, and for this purpose to establish therein a provisional government.

#### CONTINUE ONLY UNTIL ORDER IS RESTORED.

The provisional government hereby established by direction and in the name of the President of the United States will be maintained only long enough to restore order and peace and public confidence, and then to hold such elections as may be necessary to determine those persons upon whom the permanent government of the republic should be devolved.

#### WILL CONFORM TO THE CUBAN CONSTITUTION.

In so far as is consistent with the nature of a provisional government, established under the authority of the United States, this will be a Cuban government, conforming as far as may be with the constitution of Cuba.

The Cuban flag will be hoisted as usual over all the government buildings of the island; all the executive departments and the provincial and municipal governments, including that of the city of Havana, will continue to be administered as under the Cuban republic; the courts will continue to administer justice; and all laws, not in their nature inapplicable by reason of the temporary and emergent nature of the government, will be in force.

President Roosevelt has been most anxious to bring about peace under the constitutional government of Cuba and has made every endeavor to avoid the present step. Longer delay, however, would be dangerous in view of the resignation of the cabinet.

#### All to Report to Taft.

Until further notice, the heads of all the departments of the central government will report to me for instructions, including Gen. Alejandro Rodriguez, in command of the rural guards, and the other regular forces, and Gen. Carlos Roloff, treasurer of Cuba. Until further notice the civil governors and alcaldes will also report to me for instructions. I ask all citizens of Cuba to assist in the work of restoring order, tranquillity and confidence.

#### WILLIAM H. TAFT.

Secretary of War of United States.

Provisional Governor of Cuba.

Havana, September 29, 1906.

F. R. McCoy, captain, Third Cavalry, aide.

#### American Flag And Also Cuban Above the Palace

HAVANA, Sept. 29.—The first Cuban republic went out of existence at noon today when Secretary of War Taft formally assumed his office of provisional military governor of the island, owing to the demise of the former government. As the new governor moved into the palace the Stars and Stripes were once more run up over the building with the Cuban banner. Formal notice of the establishment of the provisional government was given to the residents of the island by Secretary Taft in a proclamation printed in the official gazette, explaining the intentions of the United States Government to restore order, tranquillity, and confidence in the island, and then re-establish a government by Cubans.

Mr. Taft's assumption of the reins of

The Trustees of the East Washington Savings Bank cordially invite the public to inspect their new bank building, 212 Pennsylvania avenue southeast, on Monday, October 1, 1906. The bank will be open for the reception of visitors from 9 a. m. until 10 p. m.—Adv.

How a Modern Eugene Aram, By Telling His Dream, Has Convicted Himself of Murder, Will Be Told In Tomorrow's Times